

BEFORE THE

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POSTAL RATE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 20268-0001

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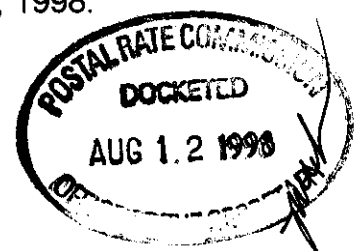
Docket No. MC98-1

**DOUGLAS F. CARLSON  
ANSWER IN SUPPORT OF MOTION OF  
MAIL ADVERTISING SERVICE ASSOCIATION INTERNATIONAL  
TO EXTEND TIME FOR PREHEARING STATEMENTS  
AND CONTINUE PREHEARING CONFERENCE**

**August 8, 1998**

Order No. 1216 provided a deadline of August 12, 1998, for participants to file statements of issues that they perceive in the Postal Service's request for an experimental classification for Mailing Online. On August 6, 1998, Mail Advertising Service Association (MASA) filed a motion requesting an extension of the August 12, 1998, deadline. The presiding officer established a deadline of August 10, 1998, for participants to file answers to this motion. POR No. MC98-1/1 at 1 (August 6, 1998).

Although I have not yet seen MASA's motion, the motion was read to me over the telephone. I support MASA's motion. The Postal Service has not yet answered many interrogatories from the OCA and MASA, and I have not received answers to any of my interrogatories that were filed on August 6, 1998. Therefore, I cannot provide a thoughtful and reasoned statement of issues in this case by August 12, 1998.



I also note that the urgency of the original procedural schedule perhaps has been diminished by the Postal Service's decision to delay the market test from September 1, 1998, to October 1, 1998. See Response to OCA/USPS-T1-11(a) (footnote 1). The delay that MASA requests will preserve the due-process rights of participants, and perhaps the adverse effect of a short delay on the Postal Service will be minimal.

Respectfully submitted,



Dated: August 8, 1998

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DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

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### CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that I have this day served the foregoing document upon the required participants of record in accordance with section 12 of the *Rules of Practice*.



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DOUGLAS F. CARLSON

August 8, 1998  
Emeryville, California